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refer to these initials JT:B

June 29, 1960

Dr. Joshua Lederberg  
Department of Genetics  
Stanford University  
Palo Alto, California

Dear Doctor Lederberg:


It has not been my pleasure to meet you nor do you know of my shady past. There is, however, an overlapping of interests. I need help in explaining the progress in genetics to physicians. Your scientific accomplishments and academic responsibilities make you the target for my request.

The field of genetics particularly in relation to man has expanded so rapidly that the physician that has graduated from Medical School prior to the last few years has little or no understanding of what goes on.

Ideally I should like to publish two or three communications on this subject during the next twelve months. I am not interested particularly in long discussions. I would much rather have typed manuscripts not more than 8 or 10 pages, double-spaced, for each contribution. Naturally, I would hope that you would be in a position to help me with this program. If not, is there anyone in your department that you could discuss this matter with to further the cause? I am not quite desperate but close to it.

Thanks for listening and best regards.

Sincerely yours,

  
John H. Talbott, M. D.

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